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CCIA

Council discusses mascot report

Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Across the country there has been a lot of attention on offensive Native American mascots and team names. Everyone across the country feels differently about it, even in Indian Country there are people who think the mascots or team names are not a cause for concern.

However, here in Colorado, the Commission to Study American Indian Representation in Public Schools, was formed to work together with schools around the state that have American Indian Representations – such as mascots, team names, and caricatures.

After visiting four of the 30 schools around the state with American Indian Representations the commission released its report to Governor John Hickenlooper. The report included four guiding principles that can be taken on by communities, schools and state organizations:

- Elimination of derogatory mascots, imagery and names.
- Schools to enter into formal relationships



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ernest House Jr., executive director of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, updates the Southern Ute Tribal Council on the report released last week by the Governor's Commission to Study Indian Representations in Public Schools.

with federally recognized tribes to retain their American Indian imagery.

- Local control by elected boards of education and the community is recognized, but those in charge can still choose to listen, discuss and share information about American Indian mascots.
- Promote and support American Indian history, culture, and contributions in our public schools and districts.

Also included in the re-

port were letters of support from the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes.

On Monday, April 25 Ernest House Jr., executive director Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, met with Tribal Council to review the report and start discussion about the plan going forward.

A main goal is for the efforts to keep going, House said. The commission has accomplished a lot in the short amount of time and the goal now is to keep the mo-

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GROWTH FUND

Zahradnik retires from Growth Fund

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe announces the retirement of Bob Zahradnik, Operating Director of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund, which is the business arm of the Tribe. Bob worked for the Tribe for nearly 28 years. He has been a key player in the development of most of the Tribe's businesses and the Tribe's Financial Plan. He helped develop the Growth Fund Implementation Plan and was the Operating Director of the Growth Fund since its inception in 2000.

Bob was hired by the Tribe in 1988 and was the first engineer ever employed by the Tribe. He initially developed studies of the Tribe's natural resources and advised the Tribal Council on how to best man-



age its energy resources. In 1989 he was promoted to the position of Exploration and Production Manager and managed all aspects of the Tribe's energy development.

In 1991, he developed the business plan for Red Willow Production Company. Red Willow was the Tribe's first successful business and is still by far the most profitable. In 1992, the Tribal Council approved the Red Willow business plan and appointed Mr. Zahradnik as its first president and only em-

ployee. Since then Red Willow's activities have stretched from Alberta to New Mexico and from California to New York. Red Willow is now focusing on deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico because it is still profitable at current low oil prices. Mr. Zahradnik has managed Red Willow in various capacities since March of 1992.

In 1994, he managed the acquisition of WestGas and its transition into Red Cedar Gathering. At its peak, Red Cedar treated and transported over 1% of the US natural gas supply. Mr. Zahradnik is the only member of the Red Cedar Management Committee to serve since its inception in 1994 and is currently serving as its Chairman.

In 1998 and 1999, he assisted the Tribal Council

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EPA

EPA proposes adding Bonita Peak to NPL list

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The EPA has announced a proposal to add the Bonita Peak Mining District to the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL, also referred to as "Superfund", contains a list of high priority sites which have releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants that require long-term remedial investigation and cleanup activities.

Tribal Council met with EPA representatives on Tuesday, April 26 as well as the Southern Ute Environmental Program Division and staff from multiple departments to discuss the proposal for the Superfund site.

"The Superfund Program is designed to be a partnership between the state and EPA," said Bill Murray, Director of the Superfund Remedial Program. "We will be out at the sites for a couple of years collecting data, and we think that's what one of the best solutions there is. We're going to be looking at the mine itself to understand the measures we're taking, doing work that will be addressing the greater problems. The NPL will provide the resources to really investigate thoroughly."

"When we were here last time, we realized how important the Animas River is here, and the EPA has taken full responsibility," said Johanna Miller, Program Director of the Assessment & Revitalization Program. "We believe the Superfund program will be the best way to assess the impacts of the historic mining. We



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

talked generally about the Superfund Program and the resources it will bring ... It's the best way to address the legacy of these mining issues, but it's not going to be a short project. It will take years of work."

The Bonita Peak Mining District is located in southwest Colorado in unincorporated San Juan County, within the headwaters of the Animas River. The site consists of historic and ongoing releases from mining operations in three drainages, Mineral Creek, Cement Creek and the Upper Animas, which converge into the Animas River near Silverton, Colo. Since it's formation in the 1870s, forty-eight mining related areas within the site have been stated to contain waste rock, tailings, piles, and discharging mine drainage. The EPA believes these forty-eight locations are the priority sites within the mining distance.

Since Gold King Mine incident last August, the EPA has been treating adit drainage from the mine. They stated that other parties, including the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, the State of Colorado's Division of

Reclamation, and the Animas River Stakeholders Group have completed past response activities within the mining district including analytical sampling, rerouting of adit discharge, installing bulkheads, and waste pile consolidation.

"The big part of the Superfund Program going forward is public involvement," added Randy Brown, EPA Tribal Program Manager and member of the Gold King Mine Senior Leadership Team. "The question we must ask ourselves – what can we do in terms of these monitoring fronts to share with the tribal membership exactly what has happened? There will be more opportunity to hear more technical information."

"It is important that our membership is provided information," stated Councilman Alex Cloud. "The more we our given, the more we can do these tests ourselves."

Copies of the specific documents supporting the proposal to add the Bonita Peak Mining District to the NPL are available on the EPA website. Tribal members can also contact Tom Johnson, EPD Division Head at 970-563-0135, with any questions or concerns.

CULTURE

Elders teach 'Rites of Passage'

By Staff report
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Russell Box Sr., Southern Ute tribal elder, spoke of his upbringing and his ventures as a young boy, eventually into adulthood and now an elder at the Male's Rites of Passage class hosted by the Culture Department, Friday, April 22.

He began by speaking of the four things that make each of us who we are, our spirit, mental, physical and emotional being.

In the old days he said his grandmother would say, "we are connected to everything, the mountains, the rivers, the skies."

"As we progress, things have changed. Some of us don't walk the Ute path, or participate in ceremonies," Box said.

Box went on by adding, "When we were children, our grandparents taught us the way to do things."



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum
Russell Box Sr.
Southern Ute elder

Box spoke of puberty as a young boy becoming a young man. Suffering through growing pains. It's the responsibility of the parent to teach the children these things, he said.

"Entering puberty, noticing the little things, as hair grows, we begin to see the struggles of becoming a young man," Box said. "Pray to understand yourself."

He spoke of what his

grandfather would tell him, "get up at first light, as the sun rises in the east, go to the creek and wash your face, look around, see the deer, hear the animals – the turkeys."

Box said we are no longer connected to these things we don't honor Mother Earth.

"We no longer look at the trees, we don't look at the mountains or the rivers," he said.

Our bodies cry for the spirit, "He put those things in all of us, God put that spirit inside of you," Box said.

Honor the woman, honor the bear, and honor the Creator.

"The Bear Dance is a woman's dance, to honor the women. They bring life to Mother Earth. Today we don't honor the women, we abuse them," Box said.

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Hozhoni Days Powwow



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Afrem Wall (light blue shirt), took a photo with Headman of the 4 Corners Gourd Society, Jack Frost Jr. (far right) and sons Hunter Frost and Jack Frost III, during the Hozhoni Days Powwow at Fort Lewis College, April 15 and 16 in Whalen Gym.

For more Hozhoni photo coverage see page 8.



TRIBAL CREDIT

Congratulations you are a home owner

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CREDIT

The Tribal Credit Committee would like to share a couple of reminders. Do y’ou have a will? Wills are an important part of being a home owner. No matter what, things happen and we need to protect our loved ones. The BIA hosts a will writing project each spring. Young attorneys visit the Reservation to assist Tribal members and help write their wills. Several local Law firms are familiar with Indian Law concerning Assignments and Allotments. The Ignacio Community Library also hosts a Legal Clinic once a month. Their phone number is 970 563-9287. You may also contact the Lands Division

970 563-0125 for assistance with a Declaration of Beneficiary of Assignment. Do you have life insurance? The insurance the Tribal Credit Division has you carry on your home, only protects you if there is damage to the structure of the home. The insurance payment will help replace or rebuild the areas that are effected by a fire, wind, water, hail or similar damage (check your policy for what it covers). If the structure is a total loss, the insurance will help with replacement costs. This insurance DOES NOT pay off the home loan in case of death. Life insurance assigned to the home mortgage is the only way to protect your family from the burden of a mortgage payment. Please contact

your insurance agent for details. If the home is owned jointly, life insurance is important to the surviving family member or members. The surviving partner will have to pay the entire monthly mortgage payment without any assistance. For more information call the Southern Ute Tribal Credit Division at 970 563-4744 or 563-4797. Knowledge is Power! Definition of renter: Renter: rent·er \ren-tər/ noun: one that rents; specifically : the lessee or tenant of property. Homeowner; plural noun: homeowners, a person who owns their own home. Synonyms: owner, householder, resident, occupant, proprietor



Many Moons Ago



J. Johnson/Drum archive

10 years ago

Students from Miss Judith’s and Miss Shawna’s Lower Elementary Kuch 1 attended Needham Elementary School in Durango, Colorado to share their culture and traditions with the students from the Kindergarten and second grade. The SUIMA students talked about their outfits and spoke to the classes in Ute and also sang and taught them a friendship dance and song. Singing the friendship song is Kiefer Goodtracks-Alires, Quentin Cloud and Rain Rosa.

This photo first appeared in the April 28, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The grounds maintenance crew made quick work of cutting up a spruce tree in Veterans Park that was blown down by high spring winds. At press time, another old tree (at Bernie Cuthair’s house) succumbed to the windy day. Forestry experts are investigating whether to take down some of the elder spruces, as a safety precaution.

This photo first appeared in the April 12, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago


Lori Monte winning the league meet in Ignacio. Lori will be competing in the districts this Saturday in Pueblo. Lori is the state defending champion in the shotput.

This photo first appeared in the May 2, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Attention all Southern Ute tribal member graduates

The Southern Ute Drum will feature 2016 Southern Ute tribal member high school, military, technical school and college graduates in the May 27 issue of the DRUM. Graduate submissions should include graduate’s full name and the school the student is graduating from. A recent digital photo should also be included. Please submit graduate information and photo via email no later than Friday, May 20 at 5 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please send submissions to Public Relations Coordinator, Trennie Collins at: tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov. For more information please call 970-563-0118.

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Southern Ute Culture Department



Ute language show-and-tell



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

SUIMA Ute Language Design Coordinator, Georgia McKinley hosted the annual Ute Language Show and tell. The staff is encouraged to make three Ute language materials for the classroom throughout the year and in April the guides come together to present the materials they have been working on.

ELDERS TEACH RITES OF PASSAGE • FROM PAGE 1

Box also spoke of his first Sun Dance, the necessary things he needed to enter the ‘medicine lodge’, of the things he received from friends, family, and the teachings by his uncle. He learned to appreciate what he was taught. He prepared himself, spiritually to enter the corral.

Parents are always telling their sons as teenagers, “you have to go in” [into Sun Dance], the boy must decide for himself, he said.

“It’s the responsibility of the parents to teach the ways to their children, to learn about spirituality,” Box said.

FEMALE RITES OF PASSAGE

Following the Male’s Rites of Passage, tribal members gathered to learn about the Female Rites of Passage on Saturday, April 23 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

For past three years, Southern Ute tribal elder Lynda Grove-D’Wolf has been teaching the Rites of Passage of the Ute people to tribal members from all three Ute tribes. Many young females who attend these presentations receive information on puberty,



courtesy Krista Richards
Lynda Grove-D’Wolf
Southern Ute elder

pregnancy, 30 days after giving birth, and naming of the child.

“Why as mothers, do we tend to forget the pain we endure doing labor?” Grove-D’Wolf asked. “It’s because we have to, if you were to remember in detail how the pain was, you wouldn’t have another.”

When you had a child in the old days, there were things you couldn’t do, as it would be a result to how your child would become. Sage and red raspberries were used especially during pregnancy – Sage for nausea and pain and red raspberries for dilating to get ready for birthing – Grove-D’Wolf said.

As she told of her preg-

nancies and how strict Ute people were years ago, many tribal members shared stories of their own.

“Thirty days is the beginning to protecting your baby as they’re the purest thing to representing the creator,” Linda Baker said.

Not only do the Rites of Passage reflect on the mothers, but the fathers and grandparents as well.

It’s up to the grandparents to help the baby find its way in the Ute Culture, she said. If you had a boy, the grandfather would pray for the baby, bathe, and talk to him to tell him how he wants him to be as he grows up. If you had a girl it would be the grandmother’s job to bathe, talk with her, pray for her and show her how she wants her to be, Grove-D’Wolf said.

“Many younger tribal members don’t know or do the Rites of Passage anymore. It’s up to you, it’s who you are as an Indian woman or man to learn this before it disappears forever,” she said.

The Rites of Passages were part one of a three part series the Culture Department is hosting. Part two will be announced in the Drum once the information is available.

Getting ready for Bear Dance



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Students with help from the Culture Department began making their own ribbon dresses and shirts for Bear Dance next month. Mark Archuleta (left) and Kaycee Jefferson measure out the ribbon to be used on their garments.



Vincent Naranjo works on sewing the ribbon onto his ribbon shirt Friday, April 22 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

Students were allowed to design their dresses and shirts to their own liking. Autumn Sage places green ribbon on her flower-printed dress as guide Mari Jo Owens helps Dominique Rael with her dress.

Miss Southern Ute Royalty Committee

Presents:

2016 Royalty Workshops

May 3, 6-7 p.m. - Introduction to Royalty 101- Mission Statement presented by Twyla Blackbird and committee.

May 17, 6-7 p.m. - Ute Style Dress- Attire & Dance- Pow-wow Protocol

June 21, 6-7 p.m. - Public Speaking-

July 19, 6-7 p.m. - Ute History-

August 16, 6-7 p.m. - Leadership

To be held in the large classroom at the Museum

These classes are to get those Tribal Members that are interested in trying out for Little Miss Southern Ute, Junior Miss Southern Ute, Miss Southern Ute and the Southern Ute Brave familiar with different aspects of being apart of the Southern Ute Royalty.

CULTURAL UPDATE

Tribal Elder Events

Tribal Elder Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. (Limit 15 participates)

- May: 3, 5, 10 – Ribbon Shirt
- May: 17, 24 – Wreath Making
- May 18, 19 – Moccasin Class
- May 25, 26 – Make-up session/Moccasin

Tribal Membership Classes

Tribal Membership Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 5:30 p.m. till at 8 p.m. (Limit 20 participates)

- May 4, 5 – Beaded Shawl Pin
- May 11, 12 – Make-up session/Beaded Shawl Pin

Ute Language Classes

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. Classes start at 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

- May – 7, 14, 21, 28

Powwow dancers needed

Event #1: Employee Appreciation Day – June 3 starting at 9 a.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Event #2: Indian Motorcycle Riders Group – June 10 starting at 8 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. For more information on these events Please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

Beading Challenges

Each month the Cultural Dept. will offer a monthly beadwork challenge. The challenge is open to all bead workers. The winner will be selected by the Elders at the Elder Luncheon. If you have any questions please call the Cultural Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620. Be on the look out for our flyers with information and template of the each bead challenge design.

- May 20 – Beaded Floral

96th Annual SU Tribal Fair Theme And Art Work Contest

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. would like to announce the 2016 Logo and Theme Contest for the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All Medias of art will be accepted until May 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Dept. OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2016 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Dept. PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 OR Contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

Southern Ute Culture Department

To enter the challenge, please bring it by the Culture Department and a photo will be taken. “Good Luck!”

The Culture Department’s monthly beadwork challenge is open to all bead workers. Deadline is May 20, 2016. Entries will be judged at the Tribal Elder Luncheon. 1st and 2nd place will be awarded. This month’s challenge is floral. Choose one of the templates below and be creative with your design.

HEALING SPIRITS

Parents can make a difference in teen alcohol use

By Esther Belin
PEACEFUL SPIRIT

Healing Spirits, the aftercare group from Peaceful Spirit, invites everyone to gather at Ute Park for a memorial walk on Saturday, April 30 in support of Alcohol Awareness Month.

The walk will begin at 10 a.m. with the reading of the Healing Spirits Proclamation acknowledging the theme – “Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make Difference in Teen Alcohol Use.”

The emphasis on parents’ roles in the lives of youth is central to the Healing Spirits movement of community health. Alcohol Awareness Month recognition was established in 1987 by National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) “to help reduce the stigma so often associated with alcoholism by encouraging communities to reach out to the American public each April with information about alcohol, alcoholism and recovery.” We request walkers wear red. For more info call 970-563-4555.

HEALING SPIRITS – MEMORIAL WALK

Alcohol Awareness Month

Saturday, April 30, 2016

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COUNCIL DISCUSS MASCOTS • FROM PAGE 1

mentum moving forward.

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost said he thinks continually educating communities is one of the best ways to keep the momentum.

“I think that a lot of education needs to be done,” Chairman Clement J. Frost said. “Educate them in a positive way ... we can have workshops for them on [Native American] cultures.”

Agreeing with Frost, House said from visiting the schools some of the communities have minimal Native Americans in their districts and never had a tribe approach them before.

Some of the community members didn’t view the terms or caricatures as offensive, but seen them more as paying tribute to Native Americans, he said.

“Part of educating would be explaining where the terms come from and other definitions of the terms so people realize it is offensive,” House said. “The more and more the education gets out, even to our own people, the more it will help to continue the conversation and create change.”

House also said the issue is bigger than mascots, it’s also about getting more awareness of Native American culture into Colorado schools.

“Native Americans are 2 percent of the total State population in Colorado. If we only rely on that 2 percent and we are waiting on that 2 percent to ruffle feathers we are going to be waiting a long time,” House said. “We need to make partnerships like these communities, like these school districts ... to be able to raise our voice at the state level and national level so that the 2 percent becomes ... much larger than that.”

Though some may not view the issue of offensive mascots and educating schools on Native Culture as a dire concern for the tribe, Councilman Alex S. Cloud said the whole process taking place now is necessary for future generations.

“It’s not just the mascots ... it’s about the education, it’s about our kids,” Cloud said about the importance of the issue to Southern Utes.

Council Lady Amy J. Barry talked about a conversation she had with a young tribal member who felt like the mascot issue was a waste of time. He felt the issue was never ending and Native Americans would always be looked down upon, she said.

That really struck a chord with Barry, and she said empowering the youth to have a voice and to stand up and be proud of their Native American identity is, for her, the main point – more so than the mascots.

Barry also said the educational component is extremely important. The history of the Utes and all Native Americans needs to be taught in schools accurately, she said.

Going forward, House suggested to Tribal Council that a resolution from the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes that states the tribes do not condone offensive mascots or team names on the local level would show the tribes’ commitment to the cause.

At the next CCIA meeting, June 3 in Towaoc, Colo., both tribes will discuss the plan going forward with local and state representatives.

Tribal Mental Health month

Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has declared the month of May as Mental Health Month. The tribe encourages community members to strengthen the commitment to increase awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions at all stages. The tribe proclaims that with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives. Pictured: Behavior Health Manager, Mary Young, sits with Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement Frost as he signs the proclamation declaring the month of May as Mental Health Month.

Eating healthy as a family

photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Six Southern Ute families are taking part in a free six-week course that focuses on teaching parents and their children the importance of working together to prepare healthy dishes. Chef Brett Martinez (right) and George Boughan from Sky Ute Casino Resort show the children how to mix pizza dough.

The youth taste a piece of mango as a possible ingredient for their healthy pizzas.

Velma Armijo helps Cyrus Naranjo mix pizza dough.



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3 Beef Tacos Salsa Corn Confetti Tomato Cilantro Rice Fruited Gelatin	4 Sweet & Sour Pork Brown Rice Mixed veggies Wheat roll Unsalted butter Fresh strawberries	5 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Spinach Wheat roll Pineapple Birthday cake
10 Chicken Fajitas Salsa Pinto beans Peaches	11 Combination Burrito Smothered w/ Green Chili Pinto Beans Brown Cilantro Lime Rice Grapes	12 Tomato soup Grilled Cheese Sand.. Carrot Sticks Chocolate Pudding Bananas
17 Hamburger Gravy Mashed potatoes Spinach Pears	18 Spaghetti & Meatballs Italian Veggies Garlic Bread Plums	19 Lasagna Italian Veggies Garlic bread Pineapple/Orange Slices
24 Chicken Cacciatore Parsley noodles Spinach Wheat roll Apricots	25 Frito pie Carrot Stick's Spanish rice Pears	26 Pork Chops Stuffing Green beans Whole Wheat Roll

Ignacio Senior Center provides Meals On Wheels to the elderly and disabled 5 times a week. We also have congregate meals Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays which includes a Salad Bar. A \$4 donation is what we ask for the meals. and Wednesdays are free.



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Cheffin' it up



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Elijah Weaver cooks the steak portion of the meal as Julie Stone, Public Ed. Teacher, helps D'Vondra Garcia make homemade mac and cheese as a part of team Healthy Feathers. The Iron Chef competition held at the Education Center on April 26.

Testing over, time to picnic



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

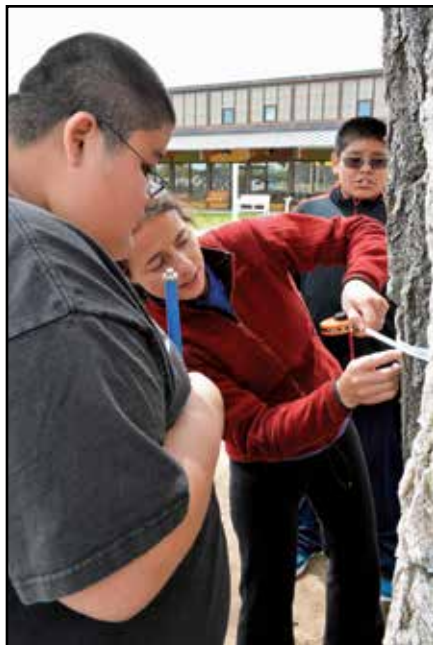
Ignacio Elementary students, grades K – 2nd all adopted an upper grade student 3rd – 5th, to help encourage them, who were taking the State, test. They created little gift bags and hand delivered them each day to their “testing partners.” The final activity was fourth graders having a picnic lunch with their first grade “partners.” They walked down to the Ignacio Town Park together, ate lunch together and then played some fun team building activities on Friday, April 22.

Exploring trees at Academy



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

After using the increment borer, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy upper elementary students look at the tree sample they were able to retrieve on Tuesday, April 26.



Sarah Margoles from the Powerhouse Science Center and Mark Archuleta measure the radius of the tree at chest level before they start the process of dendrochronology, also known as tree-ring dating.



Marcus Archuleta uses the increment borer to get a tree sample. The upper elementary students at SUIMA are studying dendrochronology so that they can be ready and informed when they go on their trip the San Luis Valley in May.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



Brian Wade Coyote Jr.

My name is Brian Wade Coyote Jr. (nicknamed Gunner). I attend Ignacio Elementary School where I am a fourth grader. My favorite subjects in school are science and math. My parents/guardians are Brian Wade Coyote Sr. and LaNay Naranjo-Coyote. I want to be a police officer and help people when I grow up. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of April because I always strive to exhibit the six pillars of character, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Comments: Gunner has been diagnosed with autism, spectrum disorder, and has overcome so many milestones growing up. He has worked so hard to get this far in his education and has many more goals to achieve.



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Alana Watts

My name is Alana Watts. I attend Ignacio High School where I am an eleventh grader. My favorite subject in school is science. My parents/guardians are Laurie Monte and Raphael Watts Jr. I like participating in track and field. In addition, I want to go to college and come back to help the Tribe. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of March because I am trying to start tutoring after school for tribal students.

Fundraising to end hunger



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Families gather in the Ignacio Elementary School's Cafe Lupe for the 3rd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser Thursday, April 21. The fundraiser is held annually to raise money to help feed the hungry.

Allottee Update Meetings

Thursday, May 19
10 a.m., Sky Ute Casino
Ignacio, CO

Information:
Elton Blackhair, 435-823-2075 or Travis Lind, 281-847-6090.

Explorer's Club hosting yard sale

On Saturday, April 30, the Ignacio Elementary Explorers Club will be hosting a huge yard sale in the ELHI parking lot. Rent space is \$15, all the profits from your sales are yours. If you would like to reserve a space please contact Deb Otten at 970-563-0661.

Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting

The next scheduled JOM meeting will be Monday, May 9, at the Southern Ute Education Department at 5:30 p.m. This date change from the regular first-Mondays of the month, will be only for the month of May.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Education Department
Distance Learning Programs
PHONE: 970-563-0237 - ext. 2785

For more information CALL

970-563-0237



COMPUTER BASIC SKILLS

Computer Lab at Education Building

330 Burns Ave., Ignacio, CO

Tuesdays and

Thursdays

from 5:30PM-7:00PM

Classes start

May 10, 2016



Dancing for a cure



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Ignacio Schools Relay For Life team held it's 8th Annual Family Dance Friday, April 22 at the Ignacio Elementary School. All proceeds raised will support Ignacio Schools' Relay for Life Teams, which is part of American Cancer Society's effort to find a cure for cancer.

Book fair at academy



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kids got to pick and choose books at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Book Fair on Thursday, April 14. Hundreds of books and goodies were made available for purchase to the students. The academy's lower elementary classes' also sang songs.

ENVIRONMENT

Earth Day clean-up appreciated

I would like to THANK the Environmental Programs Department (EPD) Staff that helped again for this year's "Earth Day," on Friday, April 22.

About 40- cubic yards of trash was picked up by the Ignacio High School students. All the trash collected from CR 318 and 172 was hauled away by EPD staff and Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance Staff.

I also would like to thank the Southern Ute Police Dept. and Tribal Rangers for traffic control while the IHS Student was out picking up trash along CR 318/172. I would also like to THANK the Southern Ute Drum staff for being out taking pictures of the trash pickup. It was GREAT having the IHS Student's and Tribal staff out for observing of "Earth Day" 2016. Hope to see you All again next year for "Earth Day" 2017. Great Job Everyone!!

Phillip Martinez
Southern Ute Environmental Programs

On behalf of IHS Student Senate, I would like to thank you all for your help, support, cooperation, and certainly your patience in working with us. I have taken a position of putting the leadership and responsibilities in the hands of the students. Bekah Powell spearheaded the trash clean up organization on our end. If you get a chance, give her some recognition.

Thanks again, and will do it again next year!

Tyson Wood
Ignacio High School

Earth Day CR 318 clean up



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio high School students partnered with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe during cleanup on County Road 310/318 for Earth Day, Friday April 22. Students were bussed at various locations on CR 318 and crews picked up the collected trash.



Ignacio High School students picked up trash during Earth Day on CR 310/318.

Southern Ute Environmental Programs Recycling Technician, Phillip Martinez picks up one of the many trash bags along CR 318.

Bike safety 101



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students at Ignacio Elementary School stop at the railroad crossing. Students participated in a bike rodeo put on by the Southern Ute Police Department and Durango Police Department on Wednesday, April 27. Durango Police Department provided helmets and bikes for students.

Ryan Naranjo is all smiles as Ethan Barry follows him across the "rock patch" part of the bike rodeo course.





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32nd ANNUAL
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FOR KIDS' SAKE!

Gather your bowling team of 4 and bowl for one hour.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 30
9AM – 5PM**

Rolling Thunder Lanes
Sky Ute Casino Resort
Ignacio, Colorado

Register now at www.bbig.org, where you'll set up your fundraising page. Average funds raised: \$150, but some teams raise over \$2,500. All are welcome and appreciated. Don't want to bowl? Donate to already registered bowlers.

For more information call 970.247.3720 or email bowl4kids@bbig.org

Thank you to Rolling Thunder Lanes and to these generous sponsors:



Dancers showcase talents



photos Jessica Chamblee/SU Drum

Jr. Cadet Winter guard “Innocent Tribe” show featuring left to right Baylie Pennington, Tribal Member Dewayne Hendren, Willow Schulz, Tatum Meyer, Addison Baker, Autumn Schulz and Briel Cruz.



Cutie Fairytale Dancers, Under the Sea Dance from the Little Maid, featuring Amelia, Amiyah Martinez, Arianna Bridges and Somer Cloud.

Junior Cadet Dewayne Hendren opens the “Innocent Tribe” show in his heirloom war bonnet blessing his young team members at the beginning of the routine.

Tribal Member-Exclusive Fitness Incentive
March winners



18 years and up
Adrian Abeyta



Third grade – high school
Marcus Archuleta

The more you come in to SunUte, the better your chances are for winning!
The adult won a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority and the youth won a pair of rollerblades and helmet!
For information on how to win; call SunUte at 970-563-0214 and ask for the trainer’s desk or stop by to talk to a trainer.



Tribe hosts NNAPA conference



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

National Native American Purchasing Association (NNAPA) Procurement Training Conference attendees got a chance to try out the Bear Dance for themselves during the culture presentation on Monday, April 25 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal veterans Rudley Weaver and Rod Grove present the flags during the color guard ceremony on Monday, April 25 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box explains the layout of the Bear Dance corral during the culture presentation.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Yellow Jacket members Tyson Thompson, Sam Burch, and Jake Ryder sing at the NNAPA Training Conference.



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement Frost welcomes all in attendance at the Purchasing Conference.

2016 CULTURE CAMP
JUNE 6 - 9

The Southern Ute Culture Department will be offering a FREE camp to Southern Ute Tribal Members. There will be activities which will include many fun projects, field trips and presentations.

Day camp will be offered to ages 6-10 years, limited space is 15 kids. Camp will be June 6th to the 8th. Children will need to be dropped off at the Southern Ute Museum at 8:30AM and bused to the Culture Camp site and bused back to the Museum for pick up at 5PM by the legal guardian.

Over night campers will be offered to ages 11-17 years, limited space is 20 kids. Camp will be June 6th retuning on June 9th at 12PM.

The deadline to register will be Tuesday, May 31st at 5PM. Registration Packets can be picked up at the Culture Department which is located on the 2nd floor in the Southern Ute Museum.

There will be a Parent/Participant meeting on Thursday June 2nd at 5:30PM in the large classroom located on the first floor at the Southern Ute Museum.

For more information please contact Tara Vigil or Darlene Frost at the Culture Department, 563-0100.



Veterans Honor Breakfast

Open to ALL Veterans

Sunday, May 29, 2016

9:30-11:00 am

Multi-purpose Building

(Located at Ute Park)

Ignacio, CO

Food Donations Accepted

Please drop off between 8-9 am at Multi-purpose kitchen on May 29, 2016

Sponsored by Veteran Mothers, Fathers, Daughters, Sons, Aunts, Uncles, Brothers, Sisters, etc.

Event **NOT** sponsored by The Southern Ute Veterans Association





Hozhoni Days Powwow at the Fort



Members from the 4 Corners Gourd Society, Dewayne Richards, Keifer GoodTracks-Alires, and Keiston GoodTracks-Alires were honored by the Head Gourd Dancer Afrem Wall (pink shirt) of Towaoc, Colo., April 15 inside Whalen Gymnasium at Fort Lewis College during the powwow.



Afrem Wall honored Damon Whitethunder, Saturday, April 16 during the Hozhoni Days Gourd Dance.

Photos by Krista Richards
The Southern Ute Drum



Members from all gourd societies dancing around host Southern Drum, Thunder Hill, from Weatherford, OK. Southern Ute Tribal Councilman, Tyson Thompson (center) sang with the Thunder Hill both days of the powwow.



Newly Crowned Miss Hozhoni, Ferrari Arviso (second from right) stands with her First Attendant Maya St. Cyr (second from left) and other contestants.



Southern Ute tribal member, Tricia Rose Taylor dances during Women's Dance Contest, Saturday, April 16.



Dewayne Richards dances with his nephew, Aeden Richards during tiny tots dance contest, Saturday, April 16.

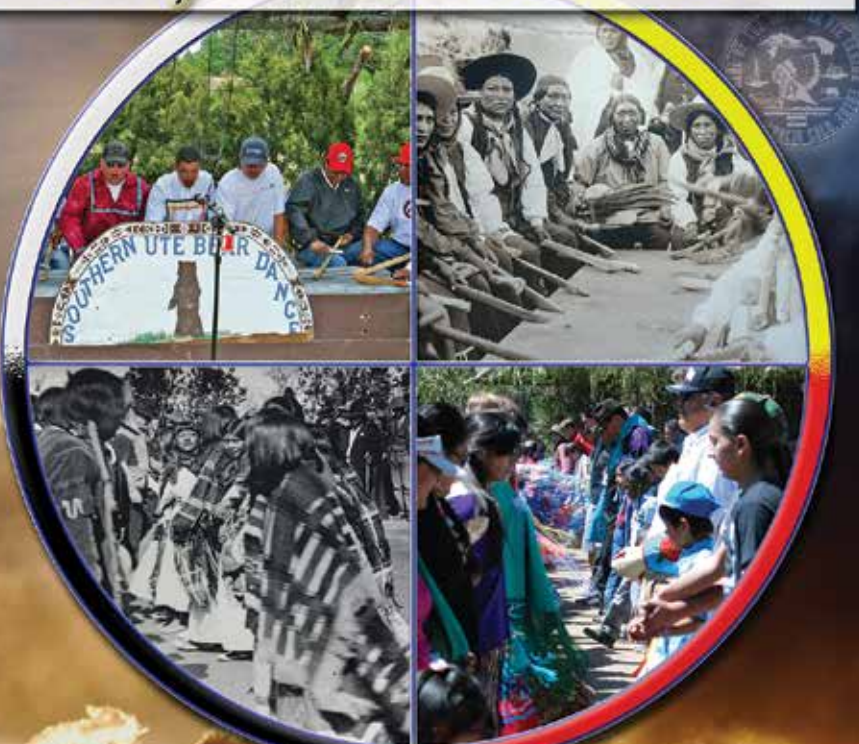


Former Miss Hozhoni, Nicole Lovato (right) crowns new Miss Hozhoni, Ferrari Arviso (Diné).

Southern Ute

Bear Dance

• May 27th - 30th 2016 •



BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING
10:30 am Friday, May 27th

BEAR DANCE FEAST 12 pm Monday, May 30th
• BEAR DANCE CHIEF - Matthew Box •

• NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING •

• PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED; EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF THE UTE TRIBES.

• THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, THEFT.

• THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED.

• FOR MORE BEAR DANCE INFORMATION, CALL 970-563-0100 EXT. 3624.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

BEAR DANCE POWWOW

MAY 27 & 28, 2016
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, CO

BEAR DANCE POWWOW HEAD STAFF

Bart Powaukee - MC Fort Duchesne, Utah	Daniel Cesspooch - Drum Judge Fort Duchesne, Utah
Randy Medicine Bear - AD Loveland, CO	Andrew Frost - Head Gourd Dancer Ignacio, CO
Michael Grant Sr. - Head Man Bloomfield, NM	Mile High - Host Northern Drum Lakewood, CO
Snow Wing Arrow Top Knot Wagner - Head Lady Cortez, CO	Bad Company - Host Southern/Gourd Drum Fort Collins, CO

GOURD DANCE
- Friday, May 27 • 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28 • 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

GRAND ENTRY
- Friday, May 27 • 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28 • 1 & 7 p.m.

REGISTRATION
- Opens: Friday, May 27, 5 p.m.
- Closes: Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m.

CONTEST CATEGORIES
- Golden Age: 55 & older
Men and Women
- Men's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
Fancy, Grass, No & So, Traditional
- Women's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
Fancy Shawl, Jingle, No & So Traditional
- Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs
Fancy, Grass, Combined Traditional
- Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs
Fancy, Jingle, Combined Traditional
- Tiny Tots: 6 yrs & younger Exhibition, each session
- Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

POWOW CONTACTS
- Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149
- Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255
- Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301

POWOW INFO
- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846
- Food Vendors: Kendra Alexander, 970-563-5541
- \$50 each day (10'x10') inside booth rates.
Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

MISC. INFO
- Admission is free
- Camping is free
- The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- No drugs or alcohol allowed

96TH SOUTHERN UTE FAIR POWWOW SEPT. 9-11, 2016





Trennie Collins/SU Drum



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tallas Cantsee runs through the last leg of the Color Run getting hit by a line of color throwers.

The Color Run was an enjoyable event for all ages.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Council members Lorelei Cloud and Melvin Baker douse a group of runners with bright colors.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Charlize Valdez gives a colorful smile during the Fun Color Run.

A colorful awareness

With April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio School District and the Town of Ignacio, teamed up to spread awareness by hosting a Fun Color Run on Wednesday, April 27. Over three hundred participants met on the Ignacio Middle School playing field making the event a colorful experience while spreading an important message.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Fitness Director, amps up the crowd.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Monika Lucero smiles as she gets sprayed with green.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Los Pinos Fire Dept. throws color from their fire ladder onto students who finished running their course.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

SUPD Chief, Ray Coriz walks through a cloud of red powder as runners celebrate the grand finale.

2016 TRI-UTE GAMES

The purpose of the games is to come together so our athletes/children can get to know each other better, to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. It is the games for the pleasure of sport and the training ground for the North American or the All Indian Games.

Who: Enrolled UTE Tribal Members and Tribal 1st Descendants Ages: 9-18 yrs

When: June 12th - 15th 2016

Where: Towaoc, CO. Ute Mountain

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Archery, Bowling, Hand Games, Swimming, Cross Country & Ute Warrior Challenge

To be a part of Team Southern Ute please call SUNute recreation at 970-563-0214.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Casino to host the 17th annual non-profit money booth

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Fifteen non-profit organizations from La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan Counties will compete for their share of over \$20,000 on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in the 17th Annual Non-Profit Money Booth. Since 1999, when Sky Ute Casino Resort held the first Non-Profit Money Booth Event, nearly \$300,000.00 has been given to local charities to support a variety of worthy causes.

Last year, selected organizations included: Dancing Spirit Inc., Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, WolfWood Refuge, Friends of the Ignacio Community Library, GECKO Inc., WINGS of Freedom Inc., Veteran's Memorial Park of Archuleta County, Be Frank Foundation, Tribal College Journal, People Improving Communities & Kids, Ignacio FFA Booster Club, Bayfield Lions Club Foundation, Adult Day Care at Our Place, La Plata Council on Aging Inc. and Health Coalition of Southwest Colorado.

A reception will be held in the Event's Center from 6 p.m. - 7p.m. to honor the selected organizations and present each with a \$500 check. Then, the action will get underway at 7:00 p.m. when a representative from each organization will enter the money booth for 45 seconds to grab as much cash as they can!

Applications are now available at www.skyutecasino.com. All applications must be turned in no later than Friday, April 29, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. to be considered for admittance into the event. For further information, or to have an application faxed or emailed, contact Marketing Coordinator, Tracy Leppert, at 970-563-1752 or tracy.leppert@skyutecasino.com.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Native American Natural Resources Youth Practicum

Celebrating 34 years of serving tribes

Staff report

in pursuing a career in fishery degrees Fahrenheit. Some American Fish and wildlife management, strenuous hiking will be involved. For more information, contact Jeanne Lubbering at 505/281-7694; or Norman Jojola at: (office) 505/753-1451 or (cell phone) 505/927-3494.

The Annual Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, on June 20 - 24, 2016 at Rainbow Village (owned by the Pueblo of Sandia) – Angel Fire, New Mexico. Practicum is open to incoming 10, 11, and 12th grade students. The Practicum is provided by the Southwest Region, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society at no-cost to the participating students. Summer temperatures in the area during June/July range from the 50's to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Some strenuous hiking will be involved. For more information, contact Jeanne Lubbering at 505/281-7694; or Norman Jojola at: (office) 505/753-1451 or (cell phone) 505/927-3494.

All Applications Must Be Received By May 27, 2016. Selections will be made by June 1, 2016 and students will be notified by June 3, 2016. Only COMPLETE APPLICATIONS will be accepted. Please send completed applications to: Jeanne Lubbering, 59 Santa Maria Dr., Edgewood, NM, 87015 or Norman Jojola, P.O. Box 1451, Espanola, NM 87532, or Fax: 505/753-1404.

Businesses support BGC



photos courtesy SU BGC

The Boys & Girls Club club members pose with one of the lucky local 7-2-11 staff member while enjoying their ice cream reward. Left to right are: Tavian Box, Micah Chee, Kieley Whitethunder, Diane Carter, Cyrus Naranjo, and Gabe Cox.

The local 7-2-11 was winning entity for the Boys & Girls Club Valentines Fundraiser. Customers were asked to purchase a heart for at least a dollar each and allowed to write their names to be displayed in the windows of the business. A few local businesses participated in supporting the BGC Valentines Fundraiser and agreed to a little friendly competition. The business that sold the most hearts and generated the most financial support would be rewarded with a healthy snack prepared by our Club Members.



Poetry comes to library



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

In light of April being poetry month, the Ignacio Public Library hosted a poetry slam on Tuesday, April 26 – inviting tribal member Ron Yellowbird and local Burt Baldwin to share pieces they have written. Yellowbird shared his original poems titled, “Chippewa Woman”, “Windows”, “Feral Cat”, “Who’s the Chap with the Spats?” and narrated Edgar Allan Poe’s infamous “The Raven.” Yellowbird, who was a political science major at Fort Lewis College, stated that he’s been into writing for years, taking classes to perfect his work. Burt Baldwin, a community local, shared his poems titled “Beyond”, “Lines”, “Horses”, “Moon Fall”, and “The Last Question”, which is dedicated to his late father.

Veterans offer outreach

The first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome. The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

www.bgcsu.org // 290 Mouache Circle // 970.563.4753



MANDATORY
Parent Enrollment Meetings

~~Wed. April 6 @ 5:30~~
~~Wed. April 13 @ 12:00~~
~~Wed. April 20 @ 5:30~~
~~Wed. April 27 @ 12:00~~
Wed. May 4 @ 5:30
Wed. May 11 @ 12:00
Wed. May 18 @ 5:30
Wed. May 25 @ 12:00

****Tribal Members Only****

All meetings will be held at Sun Ute. ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND ONE MEETING.

Summer Club 2016
June 13 - August 5, 2016

REGISTRATION OPENS Wed. April 6th, 2016

Tribal Member/First Descendant Club Members are FREE

Community Members are \$20.00/week

Club Members can be signed up AFTER attending one mandatory Parent Enrollment meeting. Payments can be made at Sun Ute Front Desk. You can also pay for the entire summer to secure your spot!

Field Trips are \$10.00 for all Club Members

Questions? Call us @ 970.563.4753 or go to www.bgcsu.org



3-D Hunter Challenge

Sunday, May 22, 2016
Corner of CR 321 & 322
All proceeds to benefit SUCAP's Senior Center

Time: Registration starts at 8:30am
Shoot @ 10:00am
All Scorecards in by 3:00pm

Preregister online @ www.sucap.org or at shoot location day of event.

Adults 16 & Up
Classes: Traditional and Compound

Awards being \$150.00 to winners in all 1st Place categories.

NO Binoculars or Range Finders
If used, shooter will be **DISQUALIFIED**.

Raffle tickets will be available at the event.

For more information contact Muz Pinnecoose
970.749.6206
or maplesugar_33@yahoo.com



1 round of 20 Targets
scoring will be:
+5, -5, or MISS



Entry Fee \$20.00





SUPD

Dangers of driving tired

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

Before dawn, the dark grey sedan drifted back and forth across the yellow lines and struggled to stay straight in the black early morning. The vehicle crossed the lines for the last time just after the “S” curves and headed into the oncoming lane. The drift didn’t stop and it continued across the road and down into the bar ditch. The depth of the bar ditch launched the vehicle and its sleeping driver high up into the air. The rear of the vehicle violently struck a telephone pole and left a severe scar crippling the pole at ten feet. The car spun off the pole and impacted into the freshly plowed field below. The spin was enough to throw the sleeping driver out into the soft dirt. He laid there unconscious in the field until the dawn’s light allowed another driver to see the

shattered remains of his car. Our sleepy driver could have died several times that morning. Weaving into oncoming traffic, crashing into the pole, being thrown into a field and being unconscious in the cold for a few hours would have killed most people. Being asleep at the wheel will kill others we know this year. It is estimated that approximately 6,400 people will be killed in sleep-deprived crashes this year. How many times will we get behind the wheel too tired to drive?

General Motors tested the basic reflexes of a person that was sleep deprived with five hours or less sleep and found sleep deprived drivers had the same reflex responses of intoxicated drivers with a blood alcohol content of 0.15%. Those reflexes are equivalent to someone impaired almost twice the presumed legal limit to drive. Just because your eyes are

half opened doesn’t mean that your body is able to drive and respond correctly.

To prevent being impaired, you need to have a minimum of seven hours of sleep. You can’t drink alcohol before driving and hope that you won’t become drowsy. Many types of medications can make you drowsy so read all the labels. If you find that the label tells you not to operate heavy machinery, a five thousand pound car can count as heavy machinery. Limit driving between midnight and six a.m. when most drowsy driving crashes occur.

As soon as you feel drowsy, pull over. Taking a short nap of 15 to 20 minutes can work wonders and save your life. Consuming the caffeine equivalent to two cups of coffee can also help. Remember that caffeine can take 20 to 30 minutes to take effect. Opening windows and turning up the stereo have a limited effect for most people.

SUPD thanks dispatchers



photos courtesy Chris Naranjo/SU Police Dept.

Southern Ute Police Department had a thank you barbeque to honor SUPD dispatchers. The week of April 10-16 had been delegated as “National Telecommunications Week.” The Police Department held a cookout and presented dispatchers with gifts in appreciation for all the hard work they do.

Southern Ute Dispatchers (left to right): Amanda Lucero, Dolores Gallegos, Faren Burch, Brenna Atcity, Amelia Enriquez, Amber Albo and TJ Herrera.



ZAHRADNIK RETIRES FROM GF• FROM PAGE 1

cil in the development of its Financial Plan and the Growth Fund Implementation Plan, which is the economic development plan for the Growth Fund. These documents are the foundation of the Tribe’s economic success, which is widely recognized in Indian country.

In 2001, he managed the Tribe’s first major real estate acquisitions. The Tribe’s real estate investments now stretch from San Francisco to Baltimore and are a growing part of the Tribe’s economic base.

Bob, 63, is looking forward

to spending more time with his family, including 3 grandchildren, and his fly rods and motorcycles. “I want to thank the membership and the Tribal Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the opportunities that they have given me and the strong support that has made their economic success possible.”

Clement Frost, Chairman of the Tribal Council, stated, “Bob Zahradnik has been absolutely essential to the success of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and has helped carve our place as a leader in Indian Country and a model for trib-

al economic development. It would be hard to overstate the impact of his contributions to the Tribe and its membership. That the Tribe is a cornerstone of the economy in southwest Colorado is due in large part to Bob’s leadership. The Tribe is extremely grateful for his contributions and years of service.”

Due to the strong existing management at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund and Bob’s offer to assist with the transition, the Tribe anticipates a smooth succession of a new Operating Director.

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For more information
Call 435-651-3291

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For more information
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Towaoc Visitors Center
For more information
Call 970-564-5391

*Walk Begins 7AM:
7 miles east of Beclabito
For more information
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Walking Together
for
Healthier Nations

*Registration begins 1 Hour before start time

May 13th 2016

GOT DRUGS?
Clean Out Your
Medicine cabinet

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday
April 30, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Southern Ute Police Department
149 CR 517, Ignacio

www.dugay for additional information

ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED FOR TAKE BACK PROGRAMS: *Needles & Sharps * Mercury (thermometers) *

Oxygen containers Chemotherapy/Radioactive substances * Pressurized canisters * Illicit Drugs

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Thursdays @ 7PM
Sun Ute Rec Center

For more info about the *Healing Spirits* movement:
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Promotional period April 2-30, 2016. Drawings every half hour Saturdays only NOON-9:30PM. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kruz Pardo applies a successful tag to Nucla's Devyn Rummel (11) to prevent a Mustang run during Game 1 of the April 23rd 2A/1A San Juan Basin League doubleheader.

IHS BASEBALL

Quintupling Game 1 runs, Cats split at NHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having seen teammate Caden Colson's outside fastball vapor-lock opposing third baseman Kai Roubideaux for a called third strike, ending the day's first clash with the tying run stuck at the hot corner, Trenton Armintrout immediately tried re-kindling that spark after a chilly half-hour pause in the April 23 doubleheader.

Earning the win on the mound in game one, allowing visiting Ignacio just

three runs on two hits and fanning five during his 5-1/3 finished frames, Armintrout gave instant support to Game 2 starter Devyn Rummel with a diving snag of IHS leadoff batter Anthony Manzanares' fly to center as Nucla looked to follow up a 6-5 win.

"I didn't think I'd catch it either," Armintrout would jokingly recall after the teams' 2A/1A San Juan Basin League twinbill was all said and done at Sam 'Jim' Richards Memorial Field, at last soaked in sun after being whipped by winds

gusting between 25 and 30 miles per hour beneath a constantly overcast Montrose County sky.

"We should have won that game," junior Zach Weinreich (L; 5 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 7 K) agreed. "It was a close game and a good battle, and the fact that we can overcome a four-nothing deficit was pretty huge."

Armintrout's grab was countered by Bobcat sophomore rightfielder Cole McCaw's squeeze of Rummel's bid for extra bases against

IHS Baseball page 16

Wildcats place second at FLC



courtesy Karla Tucson

The Wildcats basketball team took second place in the 7th grade division of the 2016 MAYB tournament held at Fort Lewis College, April 22-24. Pictured (left to right): Asst. Coach Gabriela Garcia, Gabe Tucson, Brady McCaw, Dylan LaBarthe, Nakai Lovato, Bryce Finn, Triston Thompson, Max Meyers & Coach Travis Nanaeto.

'We are the champions'



photos courtesy Erika Atencio

Shooting Stars won the Championship in the girls' 7th grade division during the two-day Fort Lewis College MAYB tournament, April 22 - 24. Top row (l-r): Coach Chris Valdez, Avaleena Nanaeto, Monika Lucero, Ebonee Gomez and Sheldie Gosney. Bottom row: Jayden Brunson, Kourtney Schurman, Laci Brunson and Charlyze Valdez.

Shooting Stars went undefeated taking the championship April 15-16 in the 7th grade girls division of this year's Pagosa Springs Youth Tournament. Top row (l-r): Avaleena Nanaeto, Sheldie Gosney, Coach Chris Valdez, Ebonee Gomez and Charlyze Valdez. Bottom row: Jayden Brunson, Kourtney Schurman, Monika Lucero and Laci Brunson.



IHS BOYS TRACK

Bobcats a blip down in Aztec

Gram's 400 nets Bobcats' points

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Sitting seventh after the 400-meter dash's preliminary heats wrapped up inside Fred Cook Memorial Stadium, Ignacio's Bryan Gram lowered his 53.89 to a 53.72 in the final and improved to a strong fourth – trailing only 4A Durango's David Moenning (51.06), 4A Montezuma-Cortez's Elisha Vaquera (53.00) and 5A Gallup (N.M.) Miyamura's Kyran Morgan (53.43), but bettering 5A Farmington, New Mexico's Joaquin Gonzalez (54.20) and 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central's Aidan Cockrell (54.68)

at the 2016 B&B/Aztec (N.M.) Invitational.

His three points from the discipline would stand as the Bobcat boys' total at the April 22-23 gathering, which tied 3A Crownpoint, N.M., for 13th place out of 16 scoring squads. 5A Farmington, N.M., topped the table with 116.5, with the hosting 5A Tigers (76) coming in second and KCHS (59) third.

With a throw landing 115 feet, four inches down-range, Natoni Cundiff was a near-miss seventh in the discus, but still 11'5" behind AHS' Brady Moffet in the hunt for the specialty's last team point.

Joining Colten Smithson, Ryan Stollsteimer and John Valdez, Gram also helped IHS' 4x200 take eleventh in 1:52.49, but it was the only relay in which the Cats ran. He was also 12th in the long jump with a best of 18'9.5".

Valdez placed 54th in the 100 (13.13) out of 104 competitors, and took 47th out of 86 with a 26.49 in the 200. He also fared similarly in the 400, coming in 50th with a 1:02.17.

Up next for Ignacio will be the 58th Annual Bloomfield Invitational on April 30 (start time 9 a.m.), then the Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs on May 7.

IHS GIRLS TRACK

Lady Cats shut out at B&B

Valdez, Perez closest to scoring in Aztec

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Senior Chrystianne Valdez had one of Ignacio's top individual results at the 2016 B&B/Aztec (N.M.) Tiger Invitational, but after using more attempts than 4A Durango's Danielle Lee to clear the bar in the race for sixth place, her successful 8'0" in the pole vault matched Lee's, but unluckily gained IHS no team point.

And so it went for the Lady Bobcats inside Fred Cook Memorial Stadium at the April 22-23 gathering:

Close, but not close enough. And blanked in the team standings, headed by the hosting Lady Tigers' 100, Durango's 71 and 4A Bloomfield, New Mexico's 52. 5A's Gallup (N.M.) Miyamura and

Farmington rounded out the top five with 50, and 46 points respectively.

After running 28.70 seconds in the prelims, Ignacio's Azala Perez stayed seventh – out of 96 initial entrants – in the 200-meter dash by slowing to a 30.88 in the finals, won by DHS' Bekah Moenning in 29.21. Perez did not make the finals of the 100, but had the ninth-quickest time in the prelims (14.18) out of 88 competitors.

Junior Kelly Campbell tied three others for eighth in the high jump (4'4"), while Valdez and Perez teamed with Rachel Cooper and Jaylynn Herrera to lay down an eighth-place 57.60 in the 4x100 – the only relay in which IHS was represented.

Cooper, also a junior,

took 34th in the 800 meters with her 3:00.68 right at the heels of 1A Dove Creek's Kiera Baughman (3:00.61) as they were the closest to breaking three minutes and approaching the leading pack.

Thrower Alana Watts finished 14th in the shot put (28'0.25") and 13th in the discus (82'3"), while Lea Monroe tied for eighth (7'0") in the pole vault, in which AHS' Naomi Teasyatwho had a swifter go over the bar at 9'0" than 3A Bayfield's Katie Hawkins – 12th in the discus (84'10") – to earn first.

Up next for the Lady Cats will be the 58th Annual Bloomfield Invitational on April 30 (start time 9 a.m.) and then the Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs on May 7.

BOBCAT ACTION ONLINE!
Look for additional Bobcat coverage – including standings and box scores – on The Southern Ute Drum's website www.sudrum.com

Soccer under the stars



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Allisianna Baker (21) controls the ball against Bayfield's Lexa Fleming (9) during 3A/2A Southwestern League play April 19th beneath the IHS Field lights. The Lady Bobcats lost 9-0 to the league-leading Lady Wolverines, dropping them to 0-8 overall (0-8 SWL) prior to hosting Alamosa at 4 p.m. on April 29.



Ignacio's Briana Duran (5) tries righting herself after being bumped off-balance by Bayfield's Makenna Cowan during 3A/2A Southwestern League play April 19 with the sun setting over IHS Field.

Ignacio's Selena Cook (24) fends off Bayfield's Sophie Turner (19) while clearing the ball from within the defensive third during 3A/2A Southwestern League play April 19 beneath IHS Field's lights.



COMMUNITY WISHES

Happy Birthday Sis!

We love you, even though you can be a trip sometimes, but your laugh, smile and crazy ways are what make you, you! We love you just the same, as if you were one of our own, JK! Stay awesome & strong sister! (Sorry about the older pic, it's the only one with most of us, now we have even more kids!)

Love – your family!



STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TAURUS! A warm and wonderful link between the SUN and JUPITER on the 3rd launches a springtime renewal for TAURUS folks. Set your sights on personal short term goals. A SUN/MERCURY tie on the 9th supports a fortunate outcome, and luck. VENUS, the “GUARDIAN ANGEL” of your sign, connects with JUPITER on the 10th, and aids both your desire to improve your finances, and add more enjoyment to your life. Future goals can be implemented after the 22nd when MERCURY returns to its forward direction.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

The BIG planetary news for MAY involves your tiny planet MERCURY. On the 9th MERCURY will cross the face of the SUN! Old feelings may surface as you reflect on the past, and the memories you might have crammed into the deepest, darkest corner of your mind. This is a preparation phase. Use this cycle wisely Twins, it's a great time to review future plans. Give your creative and artistic talents full encouragement. The best MAY days for you are the: 12th, 13th, 22nd, and 30th. You might find them useful.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Because of your intuitive nature, there's every reason to believe that you will align yourself with like-minded folks. The SUN, MERCURY, and VENUS practically guarantee a sparkling social agenda for you. Astrological Angles, and Triangles are at work in your Horoscope MOON KIDS. You don't need to be an ASTROLOGER to reap the benefits. Chances are you could add a new acquaintance to your social circle of friends. Or maybe join an interesting new group. The more you learn, the wiser you'll be.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

All the FIRE SIGNS (ARIES, LEO & SAGITTARIUS) are in a special money cycle this month. Promote your skills LIONS. The 6th and 7th may earn you exclusive recognition, and a possible job promotion. There are certain times when MERCURY'S backward motion slows things down, and creates an opening for unfinished projects to be completed. The month of MAY is one of those times. A fiery FULL MOON in compatible SAGITTARIUS on the 21st, could ignite your ambition and send it soaring sky high.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

The SUN, MERCURY, and VENUS have gathered in your travel zone. What makes this grouping highly significant is that the NEW MOON will add its influence, and encourage your plans for the summer. Naturally you'll want to choose the best dates to take action. You don't want MERCURY, or MARS to be retrograde. MERCURY will be retrograde until MAY 21st, and MARS will be retrograde until JUNE 28th. Spontaneous decisions before those dates may not be as successful.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Property, finances, and anything related to family funds will take priority in MAY. Fresh insight can be gained regarding domestic expenses. A “saving” mindset might work better than a “spending spree” this month. Remember to do something nice for your mother, or grandmother on her “special day” (8th). The 10th and 13th are favorable money days. Your planetary ruler (VENUS) is receiving abundant support from the Solar System. Trust your instincts. You have good judgement LIBRA.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

The Solar System has set up a vigorous pattern for MAY. One of the main points in this 3 point configuration involves PLUTO your planetary ruler. Normal daily conversations take on more meaning, and you may find yourself discussing deeper subjects. Partners, spouses, or others close to you may not share the same interests. You have a passionate desire to expand your boundaries, and to explore spirited adventures. You're surrounded by an aura of love this month, and singles may meet someone important.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Planetary patterns for the month of MAY indicate the emphasis will be on work, health, and making improvements to the above. You might want to revise personal objectives. Both MARS and SATURN (in your sign) are currently in retrograde until month's end. Take it slowly SAGGIES. SATURN likes sound decisions, practicality, and common sense. The Full Moon in your sign on the 21st calls a halt to an old cycle. Concentrate on your goals, then look for entertaining adventures to explore. Have some fun!

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

VENUS favorably aligns with PLUTO on MAY 13th. Watch out world! Your potent charms might be irresistible to others. Luck and love may be drawn to you CAPRICORN. Use your power to do some good. Friends are willing to help. This month the planets are promoting your favorite amusements. Don't be reticent. Hanging back won't get you anywhere. No doubt you'll soon be feeling a push towards more recreational ventures. The 6TH, 7th, 12th, and 30TH, are all exceptional days to pursue your goals.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Family matters might require most of your attention this month. Mending fences, and making compromises are in your best interests AQUARIUS. Other members of the family may not be as eager to meet you half way. Be patient, inventive projects are a good diversion, and can be very productive. Let go of old habits and make a fresh start. We rarely take the time to look at ourselves in a clear unbiased way. Be honest with yourself, your sincere efforts will be rewarded, and you will have gained much wisdom.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Inspired ideas are flowing this month and you may be launching some of your interests with a productive new plan. Your daily routine becomes filled with beneficial conversations, meetings, and short trips. There is much you can learn if you are willing to listen. Favorable planetary power rules the month. But keep in mind that MERCURY may not be cooperative until after the 22nd. Pay attention to what you hear, and say until then. As always rely your sixth sense. The more you use it, the better it gets.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Congrats ARIES people! There's a productive force at work this month, and it's connected to your finances. A spectacular planetary pattern has been set in motion. It involves the N E W MOON on the 6th, and a money mode that might have you fixing your attention on credit, loans, taxes, or insurance. MERCURY will be in a sleep state from the 1st to the 21st. Avoid snap decisions. This month you'll need to do your homework before making big money changes. Delay travel plans until after June 30th.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



TO THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the opportunity to visit your Reservation. It was very obvious that Robert Ortiz is very proud of the tribe and put a lot of effort into arranging experiences for us that showed us what you, as a people, are all about. From the accommodations at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds to the visit to the Southern Ute Montessori Academy, our trip was packed with incredible learning opportunities.

We were able to see the Growth Fund and hear the great story of its inception. We toured the SunUte Community Center and had lunch with the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program. We learned about the Southern Ute Drum and were provided lunch with them. We had the privilege of meeting the Southern Ute Tribal Council and enjoyed speaking with them about their role in the tribe. We were able to meet Little Miss Southern Ute and the Southern Ute Brave. We learned about the Bear Dance and saw the Yellow Jacket Drum Group while we danced the Round Dance. We were able to go on the air on KSUT. We saw the Southern Ute tribes Bison herd. We were able to visit the casino and see the

cultural events that go on there as well as the resort atmosphere. We toured the Justice facility and were able to hear directly from tribal police officers, game wardens, gaming officials, and water/environmental specialists about their roles within the tribe. And lastly, we were able to tour the Southern Ute Montessori Academy and see a great educational model in action.

Our experience and time spent on the Southern Ute Reservation has taught us about the Southern Ute culture and what makes the Southern Ute Tribe special in a way that we never could have learned in a classroom setting. We are so grateful to have been able to embrace the tribe and its culture first hand. The hospitality that we received at each place we visited made us feel welcome, and we are honored to better understand the tribe. This experience was so unique and gave us a great perspective on what Colorado is. Thanks you so much! We appreciate you opening your doors and allowing us in!

Sincerely,
Mike Mendoza, John Morales, Chris Cousineau and the Golden High School Senior Seminar Class of 2016

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Constance Lehi

Job title: Crisis Care Manager

Description of duties: Providing services to the community and its member from the Victims Asst. Program, education, workshops, crisis counseling, and resources.

Hobbies: Traveling, beadwork, spending time with family and friends, attending/participating in powwows.

Family: Mother of five children – two girls and three sons. Three grand children – two girls and one boy.

Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute

Additional comments: I am excited to be working with the Southern Ute Tribe and look forward to meeting you.

Eric Vince Whitehorse

Job title: Administrative Assistant

Hobbies: Hiking, camping, taking my dogs to Durango Dog Park, fishing, and reading.

Tribe: Navajo



Rodney E. Harrison

Job title: Police Officer

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, physical fitness, mountain biking, dirt bike trail riding, and 4x4 Jeep trail riding.

Family: Married with four children

Additional comments: I have 16 years served in the military (USMC) and currently in the Army National Guard. 23 years experience in law enforcement.



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BONITA PEAK MINING DISTRICT**

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BONITA PEAK MINING DISTRICT IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO
ON THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST (NPL)**

The NPL is a list of sites across the nation that are contaminated with hazardous substances,
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Silverton Library
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Silverton, CO 81433

Office of the Navajo Nation Library
Arizona Highway 264, Post Office Loop Road
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Rob Parker, Site Assessment Manager, at 800-227-8917, ext. 312- 6664
Cynthia Peterson, Community Involvement Coordinator, at 800-227-8917, ext. 312-6879

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ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCIES
The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal
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*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call & Full-time)

Closing date 5/6/16

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 5/6/16

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Café Cashier (Full-time)

Closing date 5/4/16

Providing a friendly and courteous environment for all guests. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and

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Closing Date 5/3/16

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*Surveillance Agent (Full-time)

Closing date 5/3/16

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**Must be at least 21 years old.*

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Clinical Information Technology

Closing date 5/2/2016

Under general direction of the Management Information Systems Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Dept. and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annually.

Teacher – Infant/Toddler

Closing date 5/2/16

Professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Family Preservation Program Specialist

Closing date 5/3/16

Provide individual and family services including counseling, therapy, and consultation on a continuum of care to children, youth and families who are experiencing serious problems that could lead to out of home placement or otherwise result in the dissolution of the family unit; and/or provide services to families whose children are in out of home placement and are working toward a case plan goal of reunification and according to Family Preservation principals. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annually.

Cultural Media Tech (Temporary)

Closing date 5/8/16

Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Dental Assistant

Open until filled

Under dentist supervision, in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Dentist

Open until filled

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Nurse Practitioner (2 positions)

Open until filled

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

Teacher Trainee – TERO Intern (Temporary)

Open until filled

Under the direction of the Southern Ute Department Education Teachers, the Teacher trainee/Program Aide will assist the Education Staff in the teaching and tutoring responsibilities for K-12 Tribal students attending the Ignacio Public Schools. Provide the TERO employee with direct teaching experience through student contact in the public schools and in after school tutoring programs, opportunities to participate with professional teaching staff in the public schools and within the SUIT education Department and other experiences relative to a career in the teaching field. Temporary position, not to exceed 6 months or 24 hours per week. Position starts at \$12.09/hour.

TERO Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Aide (Temporary)

Open until filled

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Temporary positions (76 days) are for members of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Tribal Health Department Director

Open until filled

Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. Provides information and support on health services and the health status of the Tribal members to the Tribal Council.

Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

Custodian

Closing date 5/4/16

Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled

Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth

Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2016, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our webiste at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Natural Gas Operator Intern – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Close date 5/4/16

A short term training position designed to give vocational/college level students, work experience in the oil and gas industry. The work experience is designed to be appropriate to the intern's skill set and knowledge level, and is structured to be compatible with programs such as San Juan College School of Energy Certificate or a two year AAS degree in the Industrial Process Operator Program, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Program, Natural Gas Compression Program; or, Fundamentals of Petroleum Production Operations
Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must be enrolled in, or have graduated within the past six months from, a Certificate/Degree program from an accredited institution such as the San Juan College School of Energy's one year Certificate or the two year AAS degree in Industrial Process Operator Program, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic Program, Natural Gas Compression Program, or Fundamentals of Petroleum Production Operations. Preference given to Local Native Americans. Must have basic computer skills in a Windows environment. Must be able to hear, understand, and respond correctly according to instructions. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have a valid driver's license for state of residency and a clean driving record. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Teacher and Teacher Assistant

Closing date 4/29/16 – Southern Ute Montessori Head Start

Full time with great benefits in Ignacio, looking for adults who want to make a difference in a child's life with at least one year of experience in an early childhood setting. CDA, AA or BA in Early Childhood or closely related field, and obtain Colo. State Certification is required for the Teacher position. Teacher Assistant must be willing to actively pursue the above requirements. Must be able to lift the weight of a child without injury to self. Must pass background checks.

Multisystemic Therapist (MST)

Closing date 5/13/16 – SUCAP Peaceful Spirit MA in Psych, Social Work, Counseling or related subject(s) plus two years of experience in field study. Provide intensive family therapy using the Multisystemic Therapy model as your method of intervention; provide your own vehicle, willing to travel, and attend share holders meetings in Pagosa Springs. Precise record keeping skills is a must. Training provided in MST model. For more information on MST go to www.mstservices.com.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2016-PR-0035

Annette Rock Sage, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing

before the Tribal Court at the above address on May 10, 2016 at 2 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 5th of April, 2016
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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Email: sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov

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Looking for a Summer Job?

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Ignacio, CO



Boys & Girls Club is looking for summer staff.

Experience working with youth preferred, but not required.

Boys & Girls Club Summer positions begin May 23, 2016. Summer Program runs June 13-August 05.

For more information please contact the Boys & Girls Club staff at 970.563.4753.

If interested please go to the Southern Ute Tribal website, look under the "jobs" tab for application.

<http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>

Must pass pre-employment drug test.
Must pass a background check.

Native American Applicants please call TERO-Tribal Employee Rights Office (970) 563.0100 ext. 3100



Youth soccer in full stride



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Bayfield Youth Soccer season has officially kicked off in Bayfield at Stephenson Park, with games already being played, action takes place every Saturday. Miguel Red, dribbles in-and-out of players towards the goal on Saturday, April 23. For complete schedules go to Bayfield Parks online at <http://www.bayfieldgov.org/services/recreation/>

AAU youth wrestlers dine



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) youth wrestlers and coaches dined with their parents, loved ones and friends as the end of the AAU wrestling season comes to an end. The youth wrestlers had an awesome season thanks to the great coaches and volunteers. Coach Jordan Larsen announced he will be holding a three-day wrestling clinic, June 2-4. Two-time All American Wrestler, Camille DuPont will be the wrestling clinician. The Drum will post a flyer with additional information as it becomes available.

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senior Tucker Ward beginning the bottom of the first inning, and neither team could manage much offensively as the score remained 0-0 going into the third.

But that would change in an amazing hurry:

Neither Manzanares nor Rummel would make another out when in the batter's box, and if he was to again be retired for a third Ignacio out, Roubideaux made sure this time to go down swinging ... as he vied for a possible third hit during the visitors' incendiary at-bat.

Batting eighth in Bert Miller's lineup, the sophomore began by singling to right off Rummel, then chased the Mustang junior off the bump with a 2-RBI double as the 'Cats started through their order a second time suddenly leading 8-0. It was already Ignacio's fifth two-bagger during the explosion, coming one batter after senior Austin McCaw, junior Juanito Medina and Weinreich – hitting fourth, fifth and sixth – ripped back-to-back-to-back doubles to tear the game wide open.

"We want to come out swinging the bats – not let them decide whether we strike out or walk," sophomore Kruz Pardo had stated prior to Game 2. "We want to make them make plays, not give them anything easy."

Senior first baseman Andrew Martinez greeted NHS junior reliever Graden Steffan with a single up the middle. Manzanares then managed to beat out an in-field roller, Pardo cracked a single to left, Ward reached on an error by Colson at second, and Austin McCaw singled to left.

Steffan then plunked Medina to re-load the bases, and Weinreich capped Ignacio's 14-run rampage with a single to left before Steffan (3.1 IP, 13 H, 14 R, 6 ER, 3 BB, 5 K) struck out Timmy Plehinger and Roubideaux.

Rummel singled and scored in the home half of the third to get Nucla on the scoreboard, but IHS went back to work with three runs – via a two-run homer to left by Ward and McCaw's subsequent solo shot to right – in the top of the fourth. Highlighted by a run-scoring ground-rule double by Rummel and a later three-run tater by Cord Colson, the Mustangs mounted a credible comeback, cutting the Bobcats' lead down to 17-9 entering the fifth.

And heading into the sixth the count was still somewhat close at 18-10; Weinreich had doubled and scored for IHS when substitute first baseman Marcus Chapman reached first with a fielder's-choice grounder, and Rummel tripled and scored for NHS when Caden Colson reached on a Chapman error.

McCaw led off with a walk and Medina and Weinreich followed with singles, but after Plehinger and Roubideaux both struck out, Chapman (0-2, 3 R, RBI) walked and advanced all the way to third on two throwing errors. Steffan was then removed in favor of Will Gabriel after giving up an RBI-single to Manzanares.

Finishing the game an awesome 4-for-6 with a run and six RBI, Pardo greeted Gabriel with a single to



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen forcing out 3A La Jara Centauri's Zach Martin (6), Ignacio's Anthony Manzanares (3) turns a double play during the Bobcats' 13-11 win April 21 at IHS Field. Manzanares went 2-for-4, scored twice and drove in three, then went a combined 6-for-9 in Ignacio's 4/23 split of a 2A/1A San Juan Basin League doubleheader at Nucla.

plate Manzanares – himself an amazing 5-for-6 with four runs and a ribbie – and Ward then walked. McCaw, who'd gone 2-4 with a homer in Game 1, singled in Pardo and finished Game 2 4-for-5 with three runs and two knocked in.

Medina then belted a ground-rule double to left, scoring Ward for the Bobcats' 25th run, then held the Mustangs on ten by getting designated hitter Sean Sutherland to pop back to the hill, freezing Cord Colson (2-4, R, 3 RBI) with a third strike, and getting – fittingly – Armintrout to fly to a repositioned Cole McCaw in center.

"I just came out and jumped on every pitch that was good, and came out successful," Manzanares explained. "You know, once one person gets hot and starts hitting ... everybody's just feeling the energy, it rubs off on everybody, and we just keep going."

Used as a DH for the younger McCaw, Weinreich finished the 15-run blowout going 4-for-6 with three runs and five RBI. Medina (2.2 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 3 ER, BB, HB, 3 K) went 3-4 officially in his six plate appearances, scoring twice and plating one, and Roubideaux ended up 2-5 with two runs and as many batted in. 0-for-4 in Game 1, Ward (3.1 IP, 3 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 5 HB) not only worked for the win in Game 2 but was 1-5 with three runs and three RBI.

Taking the Game 2 loss, Rummel (2.1 IP, 8 H, 9 R, 7 ER, BB, HB, 2 K) went 3-4 with three runs and an RBI, after going 1-3 in the opener in which Cord Colson went 2-3 with two doubles and two RBI. Armintrout, who did score once in Game 2, was held to a combined 0-5 with four K's in seven plate appearances.

Having lost the SJBL lead but having taken one of the season's three meetings with surprising Ignacio, Nucla actually rose one spot in the CHSAANow.com Class 1A poll (issued 4/25) from eighth to seventh, while the Bobcats still – somehow – remained off the 2A radar, despite having improved to 10-4 overall and 6-1 in league. NHS dipped to 7-9, 5-2 with only an April 30 pair at Dove Creek remaining on their slate.

"I'm ready," said Caden Colson. "I want to win ... it's going to be tough because I know they want it too."

IHS will travel that day for two at Dolores and, barring an epic disaster, should secure the circuit crown.

"We've got to get going early," Austin McCaw said. "Got to get going early and just stay hot!"

Ignacio's regular-season schedule then ends with a May 3 pair versus 3A Pogo-sa Springs at IHS Field.

MOMENT OF REALIZATION

McCaw's one-out solo homer in Game 1 had cut the Mustangs' lead at the time down to 5-2, and Medina would then walk and score on a passed ball charged to NHS senior catcher Mason Riddle with Weinreich up to bat. But though Ignacio would ultimately lose by one, the tone for Game 2 was unknowingly set when Pardo pulled off his version of Enos Slaughter's 1946 World Series-winning 'Mad Dash':

"The backstop, it's way back there," he explained. "With me catching, I had a couple passed balls and I'd run back like, 'There's a lot of space here! Someone could possibly round the bases!'"

Singling in Manzanares, who'd led off the Bobcats' seventh with a double, Pardo then took off to swipe second base, but Caden Colson's pitch to Ward bypassed Riddle...all the way to that distant backstop.

"I saw he was just jogging back there, so I was like, 'I'm going to take third!'" said Pardo, who then sprinted home when Riddle's throw to third baseman Sladen Hendrickson sailed into leftfield. "And...it worked out – I didn't think he was going to try! I wouldn't have!"

"I knew I was going to have to catch both games," Pardo noted. "And the thing was, if I were to get on base ... I'd have a pinch-runner for me, like every single time, just to keep me fresh."

Fortunately for the Bobcats, he ran for himself that singular time.

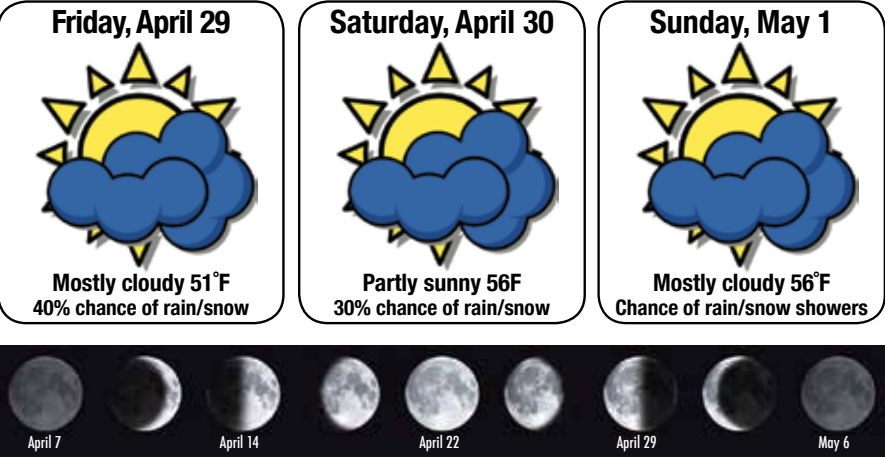
MIND CONTROL

Replaced by Chapman in the bottom of the third during Game 2, Martinez helped keep the Bobcats' intensity as high in the field as it had been at the plate. And after Ward struck out Sutherland swinging, the vocal senior had no hesitation predicting – and announcing – the exit of Cord Colson, down to his last strike.

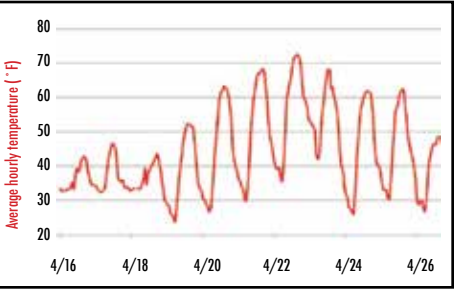
Right as the ball left Ward's right hand with the crowd mostly muted, Martinez let out a "See ya!" shout with the home-plate umpire then ringing up a motionless Colson to end the inning and maroon two Mustangs.

"I knew it was going to happen," he said, awaiting his teammates' energetic return to the dugout.

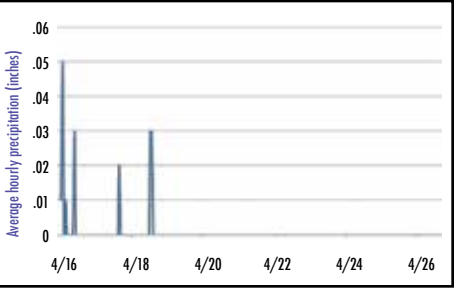
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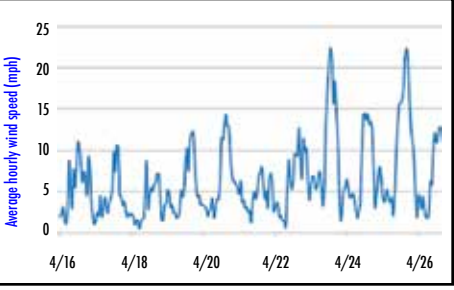


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Low	23.8°
Average	44.1°
Average last year	44.1°



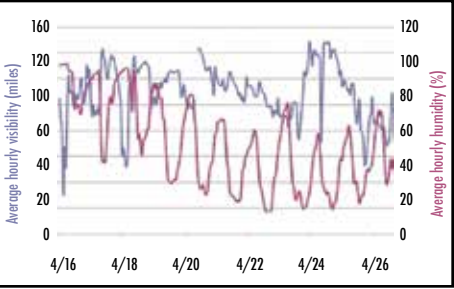
Precipitation	
Total	0.180"
Total last year	0.500"

Total (4/1 – 4/11) 0.110"



Wind speed	
Average	6.4
Minimum	0.5
Maximum	22.4

Avg. (4/1 – 4/11) 5.7
Min. (4/1 – 4/11) 0.9
Max. (4/1 – 4/11) 22.9



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	109.7
Average humidity	52.8%

Air quality
Good
Air quality descriptor: 43



Yard Sale Extravaganza

Saturday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Over 10 booths! You just might find what you've been looking for!